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Dear Mr. Austin:

The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation recently sent me copies of the four consent orders you brought to my staff's attention. I had the opportunity to review these consent orders and share your continuing concern about hazardous waste disposal.

I did note that the consent orders indicate that some of the alleged violations were corrected prior to the effective date of the consent order. Thus, if there were violations, I believe the Navy is acting in good faith to correct them.

However, to ensure Congressional review of this matter, I have forwarded copies of the consent orders to Congressman Mavroules, chairman of the Armed Services subcommittee on investigations. I have asked Mr. Mavroules to investigate this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Charles E. Bennett

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